From the Ontario Rolling Mill Company—Asking for exemption on the conditions already published.

On motion of Ald. Moore it was resolved to grant the petitioners free water and exemption for ten years.

From Robert Reid, jr., and 1,248 others—For the erection of swimming baths. No. 3.

A petition to retain Mr. R. Wigmore as Police Court Clerk, signed by T. C Hewitt and a large number of others. Deferred for report of Committee No. 1

From W. D Buckle—Asking permission to place a frame house on Dufferin avenue. No. 3

From the Ball Electric Light Company—A marked tender enclosing cheque for $2 000. No. 3

From Samuel Manness *et al*—Asking for an asphalt walk from Pall Mall to Piccadilly. No 2

From R Brock *et al* For sewer. No. 2.

From the Mayor of Nanaimo, B C—Asking relief in view of the late colliery accident.

Ald Davis moved the suspension of the rule of order, and then moved, seconded by Ald Vining; that $100 be granted in aid of the sufferers.

Ald. Hook moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that $200 be granted. Carried.

From John Early, of the G. T. R.—Suggesting that the freight classification on the L. & P. S. R. R. be made in accordance with the other Canadian roads. Railway Committee.

From Francis Benson, complaining of his treatment by the Market Clerk. No. 3.

THE WATER QUESTION

Ald. Moore moved, seconded by Ald Greer, that the lawn services be shut off.

Ald. McDonald moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Davis, that the street watering be shut off for a time. Lost.

Motion carried.

Yeas—Ald. Jarvis, Greer, Moule, Bowman, Hook, Moore, Vining, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman.

Nays—Ald. C. Taylor, Davis, McDonald and George Taylor.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE.

Ald. Moule (Chairman) submitted the following: –

1—That the communication of Mr. Buckle be favorably considered.

2—That the tender of D. Murray be accepted for painting and whitewashing at the Hospital.

3—That a new fire hall be built, as the present site is not suitable for the purpose, and we herewith submit the Engineer's report.

4—That the sum of $80 be paid Maurice Baldwin in full of account for watering G. T. passenger yard.

5—Your Committee investigated the position of the city in regard to contract for electric light, and find that there is no contract now in existence. The following is the only tender received on the 8th November last when the same was called for, and on investigation your Committee find that no contract was signed or entered into by the said Forest City Electric Light and Power Co.

Clauses 1 and 2 passed

Ald. Vining moved, seconded by Ald. McIntosh, that clause 3 be referred back to the Committee to bring in a report, and that the Engineer be instructed to prepare estimates for a new building on a new site. Carried.

Clause 4 passed.

Clause 5 read.

Mr. James H. Fraser, Q C, addressed the Council in support of Hunt Bros. receiving the contract, as they had gone on in the absence of the Ball Company and lighted the city since November last.

Mr. Scovill, agent for the Ball Company, talked back on the other side, and the Council were treated to a continuation of the great electric light serial, which ran so successfully by wind power last fall

Ald. Moore moved, seconded by Ald. Heaman, that new tenders for the electric lighting required by the city be called for.

Ald. Taylor would like to make a compromise and keep both Companies here.

The motion carried.

The report as amended was adopted.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE.

Ald. Moore (Chairman) submitted the following:—

1. *Re* fees of Janitor in Fifth Ward Hall, that he be allowed to collect $2 from parties hiring the Hall.

2. That W M Spencer & Co be allowed to lay a pipe under Simcoe street, and the by-law authorizing the same be now read a third time and passed.

3. That the sum to be charged Mr Davis, as rent for Fair Ground stables, be $10 per month.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Ald. McDonald, seconded by Ald. Davis, that this Council authorize the Chairman of No 2 Committee to procure at once two large flags, one for use in Victoria Park and one for the City Hall, those in our possession being in a dilapidated and shabby condition. Referred to No. 2 Committee.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Hook, that all work now going on in the rth part of the city be suspended until er No. 2 got its appropriation. Carried.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ald. Bowman presented his report as llows : –

. Your Committee having examined the fol-wing accounts, and finding them correct, remmend the same for payment : –

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

nting, Advertising, etc—			
Wm Weld	$ 58 85		
rs Kords	44 00		
		$ 102 85	
urance—			
iverpool & London & Globe		4 00	
ction Expense—			
ohn Teale		2 00	
			$ 108 85

NO 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

eets, etc—			
Pay sheet	$ 525 71		
"	487 28		
"	443 80		
ohn Donohue	609 62		
" "	20 66		
d Shea	38 76		
ohn Robbins	25 00		
W H and C R Smith	16 65		
		$1,667 48	
ck Pavement—			
H M Douglass	$ 270 00		
" "	200 00		
" "	764 62		
H Craig	153 30		
		$1,387 92	
eers—			
Harding & Leathorn.		104 75	
stom House Clock—			
H Davis & Son		25 00	
y Hall—			
McBride & Phillips		2 00	
wn Hall—			
lex Windrim		4 25	
			$3,191 40

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

spital -			
Pay sheet	$ 211 50		
omerville, C & Co	222 91		
os Gatecliff	187 53		
Harkness & Co	117 25		
D Carroll	93 49		
ohn Ranahan	45 8		
Wm Johns	43 52		
J Smith	31 09		
A Taylor	22 59		
ondon Soap Co	12 00		
A D Cameron	3 34		
		$ 994 30	
e Dpartment -			
Hunt Bros	$ 16 47		
Mason & Dudley	11 75		
American Express Co	9 16		
		$ 37 37	
eet Lighting –			
City Gas Co	$ 1,958 13		
Wm Ironside	170 33		
" "	7 25		
McBride & Phillips	11 69		
		$2,145 40	
Street Watering—			
Donohue, Webb & Co	$ 60 00		
J Hartley & Son	55 00		
Brooks Bros	30 00		
		$ 145 00	
			$3,322 07
Relief Accounts—			
M Baldwin	$ 73 26		
R R Passes	18 10		
Women's C Association	20 16		
Somerville, C & Co	395 0		
		$ 151 02	
			$ 6,773 34

2. That the sum of $47 75, paid by the Y M C A as taxes on property immediately south of Victoria Hall, be refunded.

3. That the petitions of Catharine McNiell and Johanna Kelly, for remission of 1886 taxes, be granted.

4. That the petition of Agnes Portwood, for remission of taxes, be granted by allowing a rebate of $13 05.

5 On account of the state of the city finances your Committee recommend no action in the petition of D G Sutherland and others *re* museum.

6. That Assessors Grant and Brown be requested to value the Central School Grounds, and report to the Council at next meeting.

7. Your Committee beg to submit pay sheet for Deputy-Returning Officers, &c., at last election, for instructions.

8. That Messrs Street & Becher be refunded $12 78 taxes for 1886, paid in error.

9. Your Committee beg to recommend that a committee be appointed from the Council to meet a committee appointed by the Board of Trade or any other committees in relation to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

10. That the petition of M A Church be referred to the Court of Revision.

11. Your Committee beg to report progress on the petition of Angus Morrison and Hiram C Mooney.

12. Your Committee having investigated the charges of irregularities against the Police Court Clerk, find that the charges have been sustained, and would recommend the Council to dispense with the services of Richard Wigmore as Police Court Clerk

The report was taken up clause by clause and passed up to clause 7.

On clause 7, the Chairman read the charges of the Poll Clerks and Deputy Returning Officers, which he held were excessive. It ran as high as $10.

Ald. Moore thought there was a regular fee fixed, and moved that the clause be referred back to the Committee to examine and report. Carried

The 8th clause passed.

On the 9th clause, Mr. B. Cronyn, on behalf of the Board of Trade, expressed the willingness of that body to co-operate with the Council to get up a good demonstration.

The Mayor said Col. Jackson had waited on him in regard to the Council making an effort to have the annual military camp on the Carling Farm this year. Guelph was